

To House Ways and Means Committee
Concerning Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Erik Elzinga from SafeWorks, LLC in Washington State respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

My company provides supporting equipment to the wind tower industry in North America. We manufacture elevators, ladder climbing assist devices, and external access platforms for the maintenance of wind towers. These are products that improve safety and are marketed under the PowerClimber Wind brand.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year, part of that investment is with SafeWorks where 280 team members are employed. This activity also supports manufacturing jobs from the suppliers in our community, and generates revenue for our community schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the wind tower projects around the country.

Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Sincerely



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